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1. WE CONCUR IN EMBASSY ATHENS' ASSESSMENT (REF A) OF HOW SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EXERCISES INVOLVING GREECE AND TURKEY SHOULD BE HANDLED; I.E., A.CANCEL IMMINENT EXERCISES (FOR AUGUST); B.DEFER DECISION ON LATER UNILATERAL EXERCISES WHICH MAY BE DESIRABLE FROM VIEWPOINT OF RESUMING NORMAL ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; AND C. CONSIDER, WHEN TIME APPROPRIATE, (BUT CERTAINLY NOT NOW) PURSUING QUESTION OF DEEP FURROW 74/ PHIBLEX-75 DISCREETLY WITH GREEK AND TURKISH MILITARY THROUGH SACEUR.

2. TIMING OF SACEUR APPROACH ON DEEP FURROW COULD BE DELICATE EVEN AFTER TEMPERS HAVE COOLED. WE, THEREFORE, ASK THAT THIS EMBASSY AND AMEMBASSY ATHENS BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY APPROACE IS MEDE ON DEEP FURROW TO GREEKS OR TURKS.

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